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THE CRESCENT MOON CREW IS ON THE MOVE!!!!!!!!!

It was the world renowned poet Maya Angelou who once said, "when you cast your bread upon the waters we can presume that our actions may benefit someone whose face we may have never seen downstream." The Crescent Moon Crew has been having a blast again making dreams come true for clients of the sickle cell foundation. We'd like to convey our deepest thanks for your wonderful support. Without you, and your compassion, none of our projects to support clients in a six county region of North Florida would have been realized. We're extremely proud to report that every dime of the revenue generated from our galas is used for client services.

Our next gala is planned for Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the Moon in Tallahassee. We'd like you to consider being apart of this multicultural event by repeating or increasing your contribution this year. We also hope you will consider adding the Crescent Moon Gala benefiting the Sickle Cell Foundation, a (501C3 agency), to your long term list of charitable organizations.. Checks should be made payable to the: Sickle Cell Foundation, 1336 Vickers Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. Feel free to contact us at (850) 510-3120 if you or your company will be among our circle of corporate champions for the 2009 gala

Your contributions help simplify life for patients who are already weary in battling this disease. Here are a few case studies underscoring ways your contributions went the extra mile just last year.

One 37 year old mother with sickle cell anemia was hospitalized 15 times during 2008. She struggled to gain strength to attend school. She wanted to be an example for her son, who is 16 years old. This mom suffered multiple strokes due to blood clots and spent several days in intensive care. Your dollars helped her buy much needed prescriptions and assisted her with utility payments when times were financially tough at home. But she persevered and was determined to work. She wanted to attain academic certification which now allows her to work in the school system as a substitute teacher. This afforded her the opportunity to work when her disease would allow and buy her medication. Despite her illness her desire was to become, "a viable and productive member of society." She is doing just that.

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Another family has a 19 year old daughter who attends Florida State University. She has sickle cell anemia. The family makes monthly trips to Shands Hospital in Gainesville for treatment. Your contributions helped pay for gas, lodging, and food so that this young lady and others just like her could receive the necessary treatment. Rising travel costs previously prevented her from seeking much needed care. She often used the emergency room as a clinic because there wasn't enough money to obtain basic medical services. Your generosity kept this patient on the right medical track. It's resulted in a decline in the number of visits to the emergency room, and a decline in the number of missed doctor's appointments. Our next phase with this client is to assist her in getting medical insurance via the Medicaid program and help her with her goal of staying in school. Thanks to your additional support through our Crescent Moon Scholarship she is continuing her dream of seeking a college education

Your contributions have helped needy patients tackle debt to pharmacies and medical centers. Underprivileged clients served by the foundation are now receiving much needed dental treatment. You've restored utilities for those who had gone without electricity in order to fill their much-needed prescriptions. That may seem hard to believe. But, it's not unusual for many patients and their families enduring this chronic illness to choose between the bare necessities and proper medical care, due to the rising costs of prescription drugs.

With the help of dear friends like Mrs. Marjorie Turnbull, and The Honorable Curtis Richardson, we also established a recurring revenue source to provide scholarships to young sickle cell clients who desire to attend college. The Crescent Moon Scholarship is helping young adults with this disease realize dreams of furthering their education, thanks to a successful academic partnership between the Leon County Sickle Cell Foundation and Tallahassee Community College. Tallahassee Memorial has also been a great partner in helping the foundation raise awareness about treatment options and clinics that are available to help reduce the number of emergency room visits for sickle cell patients.

Now, for an update on our son Nicholas. We experienced a few bumps last year. We took numerous trips to Jacksonville and Gainesville for screenings to gauge Nic's stroke potential. That continues to be a serious concern for us. Still, we simply take each day at a time. That's all we can do. We are a family of great faith and so appreciative for your prayers and concern as well. That alone is invaluable!!

Again, thanks to you, dreams are being realized for sickle cell patients in North Florida. Feel free to contact us at (850) 510-3120 if you or your company will be among our Circle of Corporate Champions for the 2009 gala. We believe the Crescent Moon Crew and our Corporate Friends are apart of a winning team. Together we are changing lives. Together we are making a difference.

God Bless You,

Carmen & Dexter Martin

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 - Invitation to present recipient of the Crescent Moon Scholarship in recognition of your company

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Crescent Moon Gala Sponsorship Form

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On behalf of the Sickle Cell Foundation, Carmen and Dexter Martin would like to sincerely thank you for your donation. Your contribution which is tax deductible, will continue to give hope and inspiration to deserving families. Together we are making a difference!!!!!